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Empower people, enrich lives,
and enhance communities through chess.



US Chess Vision

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benefits education and rehabilitation, and promotes
recreation and friendly competition.

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On the Cover: 2019 marks the 80th anniversary for US Chess and we have been celebrating our 1939 founding this whole year. For some milestones from our organization's history, see the "US Chess History Timeline" beginning on page 13 that originally appeared in the brochure produced by the World Chess Hall of Fame for their ongoing exhibit, "US Chess: 80 Years Promoting the Royal Game in America."

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A CHESS PLAYER'S LIFE TRANSFORMED:

Tani's Story

When Tanitoluwa Adewumi and his family fled Nigeria in 2017, he was seven. Fearing Boko Haram insurgents, Tani's parents and brother sought asylum in the United States, and when they arrived in New York City they found their way to a homeless shelter.

Tani was promptly enrolled in second grade at P.S. 116, where one of the teachers showed Tani's class how to play chess. He was captivated by the game and urged his mother, Oluwatoyin Adewumi, to ask if he could join the chess club.

When Mrs. Adewumi emailed the club to express her son's interest, she explained that she could not afford the fees because their family was living in a homeless shelter. The chess coach, Russell Makofsky, waived the fees and welcomed Tani into the club.

Tani started working chess puzzles and practiced chess on the computer in the evenings. On Saturdays he attended a free three-hour practice session in Harlem. He loved playing chess!

Within one year, Tani took first place in the K-3 section at the 52nd annual New York State Scholastic Championships. He was up against the best players in the state in his age group—several of whom came from schools with elite chess programs and private coaches.

Then *The New York Times* picked up the story of Tani and his family. Several readers offered housing, legal, and educational support for the family, and within a week they moved out of the shelter into a modest apartment near Tani's school.

Around that same time, a GoFundMe account raised more than \$250,000 within a few days. With that money, the family has set up the Tanitoluwa Adewumi Foundation to help other African immigrants who are struggling in the United States.

Tani's love for chess and his persistence in improving his skills brought opportunity to his whole family in ways they might never have imagined possible. His story is a remarkable account of how the game of chess and the chess community can play a significant role in transforming lives.





US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD

The US Chess Federation (US Chess) is the official governing body and not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization for chess players and chess supporters in the United States. Our mission is to empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess. Our vision is that chess is recognized as an essential tool that is inclusive, benefits education and rehabilitation, and promotes recreation and friendly competition.

US Chess represents the United States in the World Chess Federation (FIDE), connecting our members to chess players around the world. Founded in 1939 with the merger of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation, US Chess has grown to serve over 94,000 members and 1,200 affiliated chess clubs and organizations today.

Every year, US Chess sanctions and rates over 12,000 tournaments and over 800,000 games. We host over 50 national championships and award titles to both amateurs and professionals, ranging from elementary school students to senior citizens.

Front row, left to right: Michael Hoffpauir, Ryan Velez, Chuck Unruh, Mike Nietman.

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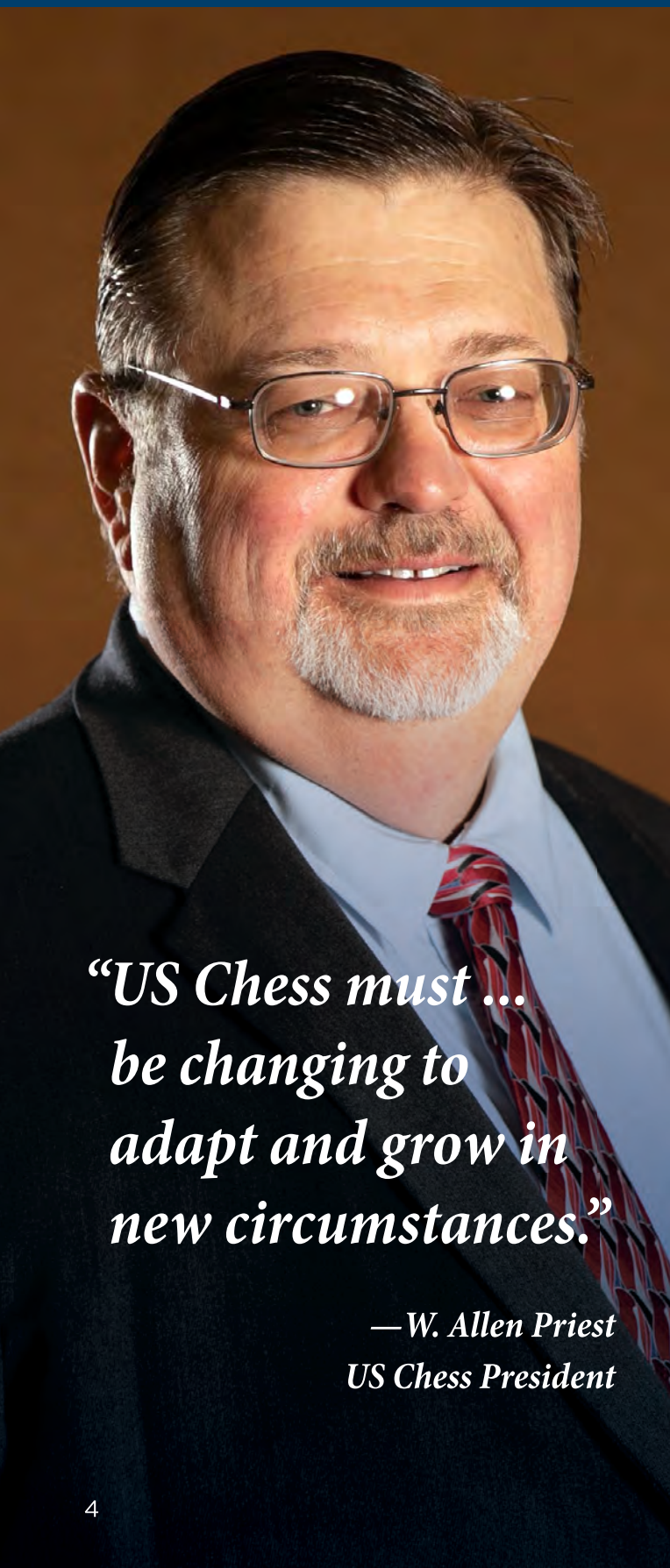
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*“US Chess must ...
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new circumstances.”*

*—W. Allen Priest
US Chess President*

Change is necessary. Benjamin Franklin summed it up with, “When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.” He also said: “If you do tomorrow what you did today, you will get tomorrow what you got today.” As the world around us is constantly changing, US Chess must also be changing to adapt and grow in new circumstances.

Change is hard. Quality control and change management expert W. Edwards Demming said, “Two basic rules of life are: 1) Change is inevitable. 2) Everybody resists change.” We get comfortable with the way things are, and we long for how things were. We fear we are losing something. Change threatens entrenched interests.

Some of those changes have begun. Ten years ago, the Delegates restated the mission of US Chess and the IRS recognized that mission change with a change in our tax status. As a 501(c)(3) educational organization we can accept tax-deductible contributions to further that mission. We can receive grant funding from other 501(c)(3) entities and foundations. But we are required to focus more closely on the tax-exempt purpose laid out by the Delegates. We have begun to change in response—too slowly for some and far too fast for others.

The Executive Board revised the US Chess strategic goals, which guide all of our actions, in the fall of 2018. We measure the production of committees, team members, and management against these goals. Everything we do needs to be about furthering our progress toward our goals.

We must continuously improve our internal operations and member services. At one time, tournament results were mailed to the office for inclusion in the rating system with the ratings processed once per month. Now players’ expectations are that their ratings will change within hours. Many of our systems are outdated. We are going through a complete rewrite to help us provide better services to our members. We still must complete renovating our website. The rating system must continue to be a gold standard. We need to add services like a US Chess app. We must consider if our management

and governance structures are adequate for what US Chess is becoming.

We are growing chess among under-represented populations. We have partnered with the Saint Louis Chess Club (SLCC) to enable local affiliates to explore innovative ways to engage women in chess. As we follow up on the successes of these efforts, we work in their localities. We are working with our vendor partner, US Chess Sales, to provide chess equipment to Title I schools.

These initiatives show how we are working to expand the depth and breadth of our partnerships. As we administer the SLCC grant we received, we are marrying the resources of a major sponsor with the local efforts of many affiliates. In our partnership with US Chess Sales we combine the resources of a major vendor to help meet the needs of our most challenged schools. We are expanding ties with FIDE and with our continental confederation to better represent the interests of U.S. players abroad. And we have expanded our idea of partners beyond the normal chess world to develop research to support the idea that chess benefits all ages.

That research is vital as we approach others to help us expand the applications of chess in our society. Tournament play will always be important. But only considering tournament play is too limiting. Most of the children we introduce to chess won't go on to become top-level players. But all can benefit from

being part of the club or the team, of finding their "place."

Likewise, we can use chess to reach out across cultures and demographic groups. I think that some of the most diverse places in the world are at any of our scholastic national events. But this goal also includes the children who join the elderly for chess in care facilities.

A thread throughout all of this is the theme of chess in education. Whether as a curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular activity, chess promotes learning of geography, languages, history, and culture. Tools to assist teachers, research to support the benefits of chess in education, and opportunities for teachers to share ideas can all boost the use of chess in the classroom. But education goes beyond the classroom. The Boy Scouts of America chess merit badge has become one of the top-10 awarded badges for several years now. This is an educational tool that reaches youngsters who might never experience chess any other way.

All these changes stretch us. They are hard. They make us think of US Chess in different, exciting, and challenging ways. Change is inevitable. But change is necessary for US Chess to remain relevant in a rapidly changing world.



W. Allen Priest, President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'



*“US Chess has been
in a decade-long
transformation.”*

*—Carol Meyer
US Chess Executive Director*

Dear Friends in Chess,

One of the first things I learned about the value of chess is that the game teaches you to appreciate that actions have consequences, a concept that has been crystal clear in my second year as Executive Director. US Chess has been in a decade-long transformation that was initiated by our Delegates in 2009. That decision to change from an IRS-designated 501(c)(4) [membership] organization to a 501(c)(3) [charitable] organization had consequences. In the years since 2009—and, more importantly, since 2014 when the IRS awarded us our 501(c)(3) status—we have taken steps to reach the potential that the Delegates inspired with their far-reaching 2009 vote.

During our storied 80-year history, some of our organization's change was difficult, and some engendered excitement. Taken together they have allowed us to evolve to where we are today and, according to many observers, we are stronger than ever. The collective total of these actions and their resulting consequences represent new opportunities for US Chess and make for a bright future.

We are proud of our efforts to grow chess among under-represented populations. Our women's (and girls') program is flourishing and now, with a major grant from the Saint Louis Chess Club, we have been able to support many local efforts through US Chess affiliates to deliver programming to girls and women. Similarly, we are designing programs and seeking support to provide assistance to at-risk youth and seniors.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we are partnering with US Chess Sales to pilot a new education program that will provide 1,000 chess boards and sets to Title I schools. In addition, we are developing a new program that uses chess to promote enhanced learning in geography, foreign language, history, and culture.

In spite of all the new things we offer, many things remain the same. US Chess is committed to doing what it always has done—promoting chess through competition and providing a world-class

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rating system for players of all levels. In the fiscal year that just ended, US Chess rated 12,171 events (an average of 33 a day) and 845,134 individual games (an average of 2,315 per day), both increases over the prior year.

In the coming year and beyond, US Chess will continue to change. In support of our mission, we will conduct an on-going assessment of our practices, governance, and programs. We also will be changing our information systems framework, the backbone of our operations. We celebrate our longtime and new volunteers,

leadership, and staff, while continuing to grow and identify new possibilities. We are serving our community better than ever before.

When I joined US Chess in late 2017, I envisioned there would be change. I never imagined there would be a seemingly unlimited number of opportunities in front of us. Carpe diem.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol B. Meyer'.

Carol B. Meyer, Executive Director

VP OF FINANCE'S REPO



“We are dreaming big while achieving reasonable goals with each passing year!”

—Chuck Unruh

US Chess Vice President of Finance

Lost in the archives of my memory is the name of the coach who shared some wisdom with an aspiring young chess player. The coach said, “Dream big, but set reasonable goals.” In the fiscal year ending May 31st, 2019, US Chess leadership chose a path similar to such wisdom. While expanding the mission, we are meeting or exceeding our financial goals.

Our bottom-line preliminary results indicate a year of significant surplus. Even with a few small outstanding year-end adjustments, US Chess finishes the year with a surplus of approximately \$294K. The financial results were very good when considering a year that included numerous FIDE events with outflows that helped support our U.S. representatives in world-class competition.

A major goal for fiscal 2019-20 is the website and IT system upgrade. Vendor proposals are currently under review, and by the time you are reading this, a contract is expected to have been awarded. The upgrade likely consumes this year’s surplus as well as significant funds from the previous years. For this reason, leadership is submitting two budgets for fiscal year 2019-20. In the normal course of business, a capital budget and operational budget are submitted when the company forecasts large capital expenditures during the year that have a life of several years. Fortunately, we are financially prepared to meet the goals in the database, website, and general IT systems upgrade without the use of Reserve Funds.

The US Chess balance sheet is at its best in two decades, with a net worth of approximately \$2.4 million. So, we’ll take a quick look at the comparative income statement between this year and last, summarized in the graph on the next page. The primary revenue source remains membership dues. Membership revenue is growing at a rate of approximately 4% per year. Magazine, other services (rating fees, mailing lists), and miscellaneous income also made gains when compared to last year. Miscellaneous income held the largest percentage gains, a result from the focus on Strategic Goals set out by leadership in the last two years under the change in tax status. While US Chess has expanded membership services, the miscellaneous sector of the income statement saw dramatic gains from donations, scholarships,

and investment activities. US Chess is realizing its expanded mission to not only serve its members but deliver new programs that support the growth of chess.

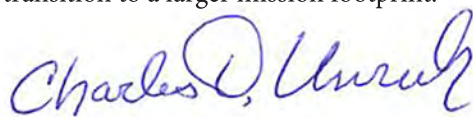
Meanwhile, US Chess leadership added to the restricted accounts. Our restricted Reserve Fund contains rainy day monies to cover operational expenses in an emergency for four months. The newly created Endowment Fund secures the mission for many years. The Endowment Fund is initially from monies up and above the Life Membership portion of the current 45 Benefactor Members.

On the expense side from 2018-19, payroll increased as we filled the vacant staff positions from last year. The Magazine category saw some increase over last year but aligns with increased informational services in various print or digital formats. The largest expense change is in the outflows this year for FIDE events. Next year, without an Olympiad, the

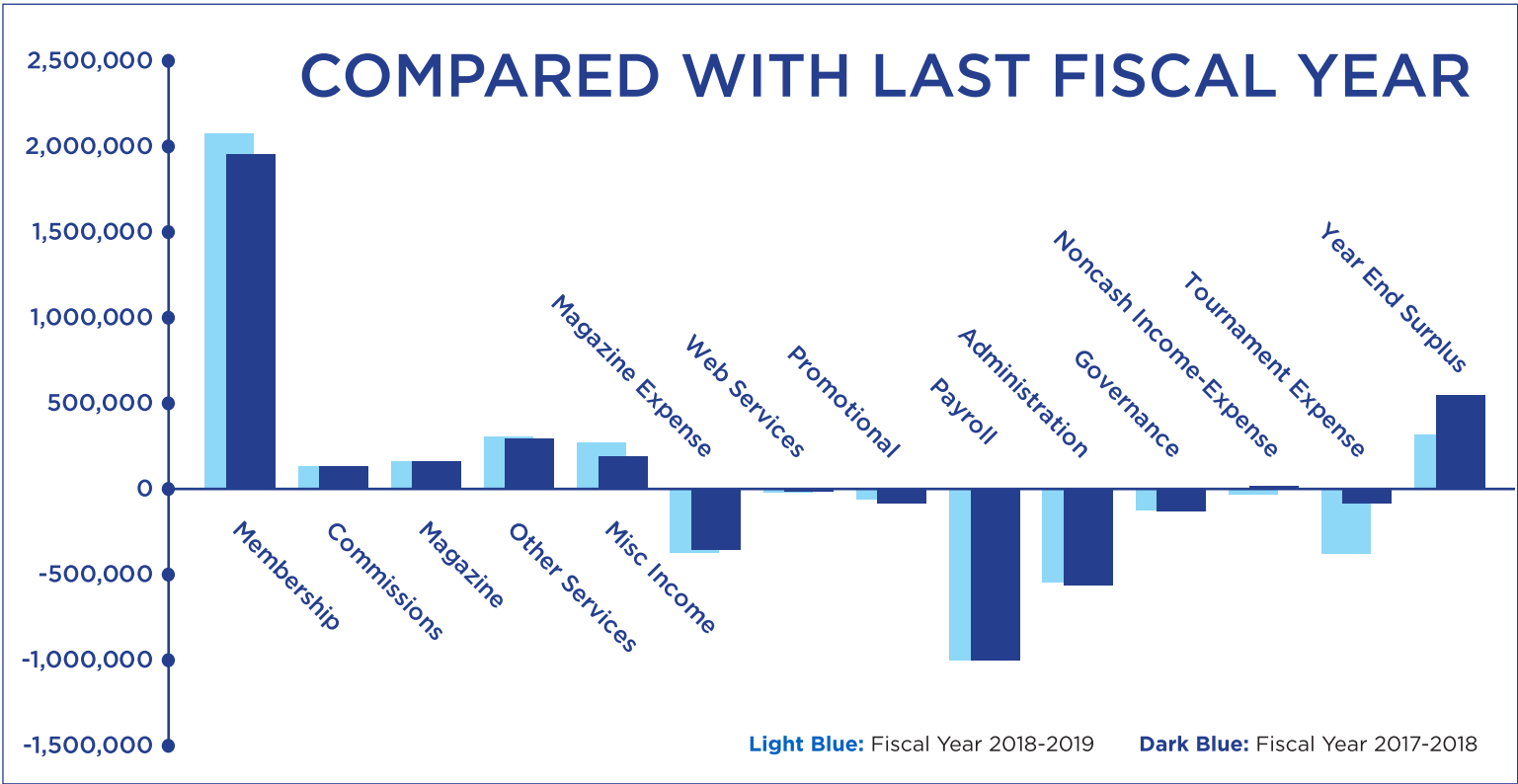
tournament expense forecast returns to the more modest part of a two-year event cycle.

Fiscal 2019-20 holds financial challenges in the upgrade of a decades-old system. The capital investment secures the future of our IT system for an expected life span of 10 years. Starting at a time when US Chess borrowed funds to meet summer expenses, the vision for the system upgrade is a dream about to become reality.

In summary, we are dreaming big while achieving reasonable goals with each passing year! Financially, we had a very solid year owing to the dedicated services of staff, sponsors, organizers, volunteers, leadership, and our membership in the transition to a larger mission footprint.



Chuck Unruh, Vice President of Finance



US CHESS DONORS

Due to space concerns, only donors of \$50 or more are listed from the most recent fiscal year. Every gift to US Chess plays an important role in continuing our mission to “Empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess,” and we are grateful for each and every donation. US Chess is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations to US Chess are tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation to US Chess, please visit us at www.uschess.org/donate.

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September 5, 1939

The American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation merge to form the United States Chess Federation. George Sturgis is elected president of the newly-formed organization and serves in that position until his death in 1944. Yearly dues are \$1 and membership includes a copy of the annual yearbook of the United States Chess Federation.

May 4-29, 1941

Samuel Reshevsky defends his U.S. Chess Championship title in a match against I.A. Horowitz and wins by a score of 9½-6½. Sponsored by the US Chess Federation in the "off" year between the 1940 and 1942 championships, this is the first U.S. chess championship match held since Frank Marshall-Edward Lasker in 1923.

November 16-December 6, 1941

Mona May Karff wins her second of what would eventually be seven U.S. Women's Chess Championships by defeating Adele Belcher (formerly Rivero) 5-1 in a match held at the Marshall, Manhattan, and Queens Chess Clubs.

April 15-May 7, 1944

Arnold Denker wins the U.S. Chess Championship with a score of 14½-1½, which places him a point ahead of Reuben Fine, whom he defeated in their individual game. Samuel Reshevsky, who had held the title since 1936, was unable to participate. At the same time, Gisela Gresser wins the first of her record nine U.S. Women's Chess Championships with a perfect score, half a point ahead of defending champion Mona May Karff. Both events are held at the Hotel Park Central.

September 5, 1946

The first issue of *Chess Life* is published. The first editor is Montgomery Major, and in the second issue, he writes about what needs to be done to improve American chess. The publication, originally a bi-monthly newspaper, reports on activities of clubs as well as national activities.

November 20, 1950

The first US Chess rating list, covering events through July 31, 1950, and calculated by Kenneth Harkness, appears in *Chess Life*.

August 1, 1952

Kenneth Harkness is named US Chess' first business manager (this position is later called Executive Director) and serves until August 1959. US Chess also opens its first office at 93 Barrow Street in New York City at this time.



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Competitors in the 1941 Saint Louis, Missouri, U.S. Open Chess Championship, 1941. Collection of the WCHOF, gift of John Donaldson
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Gisela Gresser and Arnold Denker at the 1944 New York City, New York, U.S. Chess Championship, 1944. Collection of the WCHOF, gift of the Family of Jacqueline Piatigorsky



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Mona May Karff and Gisela Kahn Gresser at the U.S. Women's Open Championship, 1954.
 Collection of the WCHOF



Photographer Unknown
Asa Hoffmann Receiving the Champion Award at the First United States Army Chess Tournament in Washington, D.C., 1960. Collection of the WCHOF

June 16-June 24, 1954

A team from the Soviet Union arrives in New York City to compete in a week-long match against some of the top American chess players. The eight-board, four-round match ends in a 20-12 Soviet win. The event is held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

July 1-7, 1956

The U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship is held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bobby Fischer wins the tournament and becomes the youngest champion at age 13.

December 17, 1957-January 8, 1958

The U.S. Chess Championship is held at the Marshall Chess Club in New York. Bobby Fischer wins the event and at age 14 is the youngest ever champion, a record he still holds.

August 5-September 12, 1958

Bobby Fischer ties for fifth in the Portoroz, Yugoslavia Interzonal and advances to the Candidates Tournament.

July 15-August 2, 1960

The team of William Lombardy, Charles Kalme, Raymond Weinstein, Anthony Saidy, Edmar Mednis, and Eliot Hearst win the 7th Student Chess Olympiad held in Leningrad, Russia.

December 15, 1963-January 2, 1964

The U.S. Chess Championship is held in New York City at the Henry Hudson Hotel. Bobby Fischer makes history by becoming the first person to achieve a perfect score in the U.S. Chess Championship. This record still stands today.

February 7-13, 1965

The first National Open is held in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Stardust Hotel. Samuel Reshevsky wins the tournament. Lina Grumette wins the Women's Open.

December 1966

Burt Hochberg becomes the editor of *Chess Life*. To this date, he holds the record for longest-serving editor.

1968

Hans Berliner becomes the first American to win the World Correspondence Chess Championship.

April 11-13, 1969

The first National High School Championship is held in New York City at the Hotel McAlpin. This tournament includes both individuals and teams. John Watson wins the championship, and Gompers-LT from Chicago wins the team championship.

July 11-September 1, 1972

Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky 12½-8½ in Reykjavik, Iceland, to become the 11th world chess champion. His victory inspires people throughout the United States to become members of US Chess.

April 27-May 12, 1974

Mona May Karff wins the last of her seven U.S. Women's Chess Championships, 36 years after her first.

April 1, 1976

The US Chess office moves from Newburgh, New York, to New Windsor, New York, where it remains for the next 30 years.

October 26-November 10, 1976

The U.S. team consisting of Robert Byrne, Lubomir Kavalek, Larry Evans, James Tarjan, William Lombardy, and Kim Commons wins the Chess Olympiad held in Haifa, Israel.



Ken McLaughlin
Bobby Fischer and James Bennett during round 1 of the 1957 Junior Open Chess Championship, San Francisco, California, 1957. Collection of US Chess.

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U.S. Women's Chess Champion Diane Savereide, 1975. Collection of the WCHOF



(Opposite page, top) **Poster from the 1984 Berkeley, California, U.S. Chess Championship, 1984.** Collection of the WCHOF

(Opposite page, bottom) **Program from the 1986 U.S. Open in Somerset, New Jersey, 1986.** Collection of the WCHOF, gift of John Donaldson

1984

Victor Palciauskas becomes the second American to win the World Correspondence Chess Championship.

September 1, 1984

Diane Savereide becomes the first American woman to achieve a US Chess rating over 2300 when she appears on the September list at 2346.

July 1-25, 1985

Yasser Seirawan takes second place in the Biel Interzonal, becoming only the second American to qualify for the Candidates Tournament in the post-Bobby Fischer era.

November 14-December 2, 1986

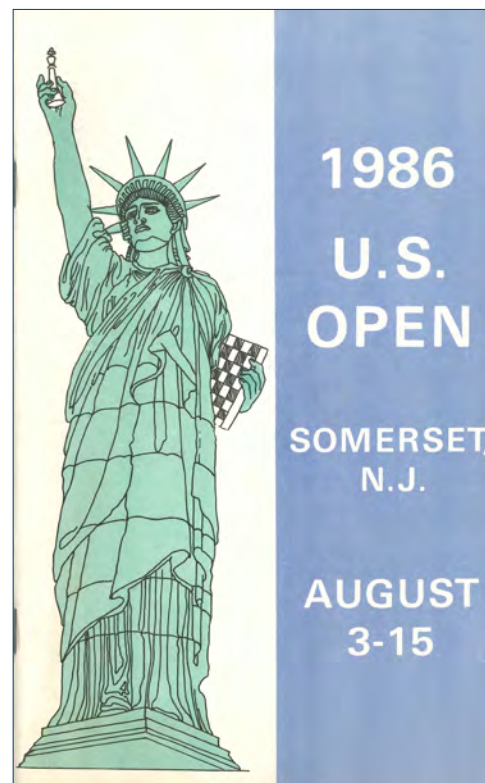
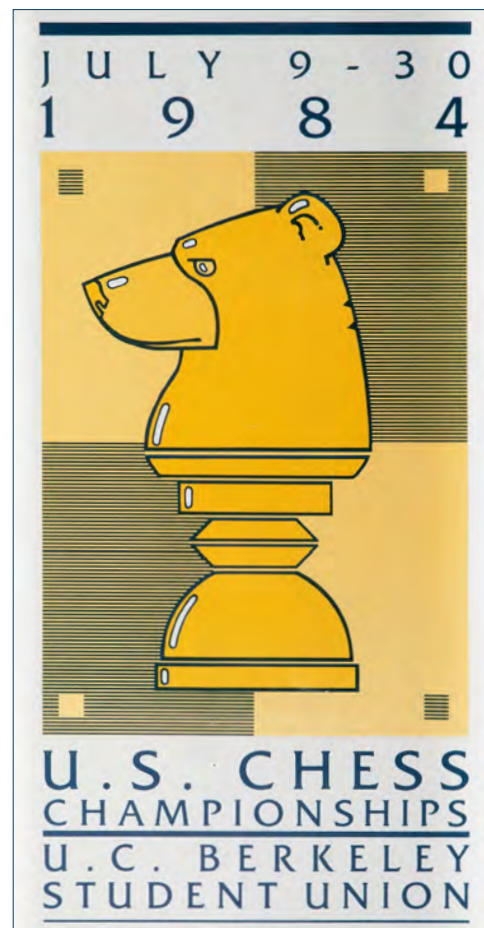
The United States, led by Yasser Seirawan's defeat of World Champion Garry Kasparov, beats the Soviet Union for the first time in a Chess Olympiad. Seeded fifth, the Americans led for much of the event before falling back to third in the final round.

July-August, 1987

Inna Izrailov has an outstanding performance in the 1987 Women's Interzonal Tournament held in Smederevska Palanka, Yugoslavia, scoring 9½ out of 15 to tie for 6th in a 16-player field. Izrailov's result, along with that of Diane Savereide in the 1979 Alicante Interzonal, ranks as the best by an American woman from the 1930s to the early 1990s.

August 1-23, 1987

Yasser Seirawan ties for second in the Zagreb Interzonal to qualify for the Candidates Tournament. This is only the third time an American has done this since Bobby Fischer became world champion in 1972—the others are Robert Byrne in 1973 and Seirawan in 1985.



August 13, 1988

Lev Alburt becomes the first grandmaster elected to the US Chess Policy Board (now Executive Board).

May 20, 1988

The U.S. Chess Hall of Fame and Museum, located at the US Chess headquarters in New Windsor, New York, opens its doors to the public for the first time. US Chess President Harold Winston and U.S. Chess Hall of Fame Chairman John McCrary share the ribbon-cutting duties.

September 1, 1989

Julie Ann Desch (today Julie O'Neill) becomes the first female editor of *Chess Life* magazine.

October 24-November 3, 1993

The U.S. team of Gata Kamsky, Alex Yermolinsky, Boris Gulko, Gregory Kaidanov, Joel Benjamin, and Larry Christiansen wins the third World Team Championship, which is held in Lucerne, Switzerland. This marks the first time an American squad finishes ahead of Russia (or the Soviet Union).

June 6-July 11, 1996

In Elista, Russia, American Gata Kamsky loses a match for the FIDE World Chess Championship to Anatoly Karpov, 7½-10½.

July 13-28, 1997

Tal Shaked becomes the fifth American to win the World Junior Championship, held in Zagan, Poland. He beats top-seed Alexander Morozovich along the way to an undefeated 9½ out of 13 score in the event.

October 25-November 2, 1997

The U.S. team of Alex Yermolinsky, Joel Benjamin, Boris Gulko, Nick de Firmian, Gregory Kaidanov, and Larry Christiansen narrowly fails to repeat as champions, finishing second in the fourth World Team Championship held in Lucerne, Switzerland. All team members play above their rating in one of the most successful team efforts in U.S. chess history.

July 18-19, 1998

In Ithaca, New York, Jennifer Shahade becomes the first woman to win the U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship.



Photographer unknown
Judit Polgar at the First U.S. Chessathon, 1992.
 Collection of the WCHOF,
 gift of John Donaldson



August 1-9, 1998

Judit Polgar becomes the first woman to win the U.S. Open Chess Championship, a record that remains intact 20 years later.

October 31-November, 1998

At age 14, Irina Krush wins the first of her seven U.S. Women's Chess Championships in Denver, Colorado. She is the youngest-ever champion.

December 16, 2001

The U.S. Chess Hall of Fame reopens in Miami, Florida, as the World Chess Hall of Fame & Sidney Samole Museum. The two-day grand opening celebration draws a crowd of 1,500.

August 1, 2003

Beatriz Marinello becomes the first female president of US Chess. She serves in that position until 2005.

October 14-30, 2004

The U.S. Women's Chess Olympiad team, which includes Susan Polgar, Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, and Jennifer Shahade takes second in the 36th Women's Chess Olympiad held in Calviá, Spain. This marks the first time the U.S. women's team had finished on the podium. Susan Polgar wins a gold medal for the best individual record of the Women's Chess Olympiad.



Saint Louis Chess Club GM Hikaru Nakamura with Rex Sinquefeld after Winning the 2009 U.S. Chess Championship, 2009. Collection of the WCHOF

November 24-December 4, 2004

Hikaru Nakamura, age 16, defeats Alexander Stripunsky in a playoff and becomes the youngest U.S. chess champion since Bobby Fischer. Rusudan Goletiani takes home the title of U.S. women's chess champion.

2006

The US Chess office moves from New Windsor, New York, to Crossville, Tennessee.

November 24-December 16, 2007

In Khanty Mansiysk, Russia, Gata Kamsky becomes the first—and to date only—American to win the FIDE World Cup.

November 13-25, 2008

The U.S. team of Gata Kamsky, Hikaru Nakamura, Alex Onischuk, Yury Shulman, and Varuzhan Akobian defeats Ukraine 3½-½ in the last round of the 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany, to take home team bronze medals.



FM Mike Klein
GM Aleksandr Lenderman, GM Hikaru Nakamura, IM John Donaldson, GM Sam Shankland, GM Ray Robson, GM Wesley So, and GM Fabiano Caruana at the Closing Ceremony of the 2016 Baku, Azerbaijan, Chess Olympiad. 2016. Collection of the WCHOF; courtesy of Mike Klein, *Chess.com*

November 13-25, 2008

The U.S. Women's Olympiad team, consisting of Irina Krush, Anna Zatonskih, Rusudan Goletiani, Katerina Rohonyan, and Tatev Abrahamyan, wins bronze medals in the Women's Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany. This is only the second occasion Americans have medaled in this section and the only time both squads have medaled at the same Olympiad. Zatonskih wins individual gold on board two, and Goletiani earns silver on board three.

May 8-18, 2009

For the first time, the U.S. Chess Championship is held in St. Louis, Missouri at the newly established Saint Louis Chess Club. Hikaru Nakamura picks up his second title. St. Louis has been the home to U.S. championship chess since 2009.

September 9, 2011

The World Chess Hall of Fame reopens to the public in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield provide funding for the move and seed funding to support the institution.

September 6, 2013

Jean Hoffman becomes the first female executive director of US Chess and serves in that position until 2017.

April 2, 2014

US Chess becomes a 501(c)(3) organization.

August 1-14, 2014

With a 2831 FIDE performance, Sam Shankland wins gold as the best reserve player in the Tromsø, Norway Chess Olympiad.

February 2015

Carissa Yip, age 11, becomes the youngest U.S. female player to reach master level (2200), accomplished at the Billerica February Swill held in Concord, Massachusetts.

July 2015

For the first time since the introduction of FIDE ratings in 1970, the U.S. has three players rated in the top 10 (4. Hikaru Nakamura, 2814; 5. Fabiano Caruana, 2797; and 8. Wesley So, 2780).

March 11-30, 2016

Fabiano Caruana finishes second in the FIDE Candidates Tournament behind Sergey Karjakin in Moscow, narrowly missing a chance to play in the World Chess Championship.

July 30-August 7, 2016

Alex Shabalov becomes a seven-time winner of the U.S. Open Chess Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana, by defeating Gil Popilski in a playoff. Shabalov is now tied for second with Reuben Fine (who won all seven U.S. Opens in which he competed) and behind Pal Benko who has eight titles.



Diane Anderson
Grand Opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame, 2011.
Collection of the WCHOF

August 8-21, 2016

Jeffery Xiong, age 16, wins the World Junior Chess Championship, held in Bhubaneswar, India.

September 1-14, 2016

The United States team of Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Wesley So, Sam Shankland, and Ray Robson wins the 42nd Chess Olympiad in Baku, Azerbaijan. This marks the first time since the 1930s that the United States has won team gold in an Olympiad in which the Soviet Union or Russia competed.

November 19, 2016

Christopher Yoo, age 9, makes U.S. chess history at the 9th David Elliott Memorial when he breaks the 2200 barrier, 30 days shy of his 10th birthday.

May 12-15, 2017

The SuperNationals, the largest rated chess tournament of all time, is held in Nashville, Tennessee; 5,577 players compete for prizes.

September 23-October 7, 2018

The American team of Fabiano Caruana, Wesley So, Hikaru Nakamura, Sam Shankland, and Ray Robson finishes second in the 43rd Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia.



Timeline created by IM John Donaldson, with assistance from Adam Presswood and Andrea Welsh, and originally appeared in the World Chess Hall of Fame's exhibition brochure, "US Chess: 80 Years." It is reprinted here in abridged form with permission. For more information on the exhibition, which runs through October 27, 2019, see worldchesshof.org/exhibit/us-chess-80-years. The full Timeline and exhibition brochure can be downloaded at this same link.

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Nick Dunaevsky, official photographer of World Chess
Fabiano Caruana, 2018 World Chess Championship Challenger, 2018.
Collection of the WCHOF



Spectrum Studios
GM Irina Krush during round one of the 2015 U.S. Women's Chess Championship, 2015.
Collection of the WCHOF

US CHESS ANNUAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Francisco Guadalupe (TX)

Francisco Guadalupe has made major contributions to chess at the national level for many years. He has been arbiter of U.S. Championships and organizer of major scholastic tournaments. He is an international arbiter and international organizer. He helped US Chess by serving as the interim Executive Director. He has been FIDE Zonal President and was Deputy Chief Arbiter for the 2016 World Chess Championship.



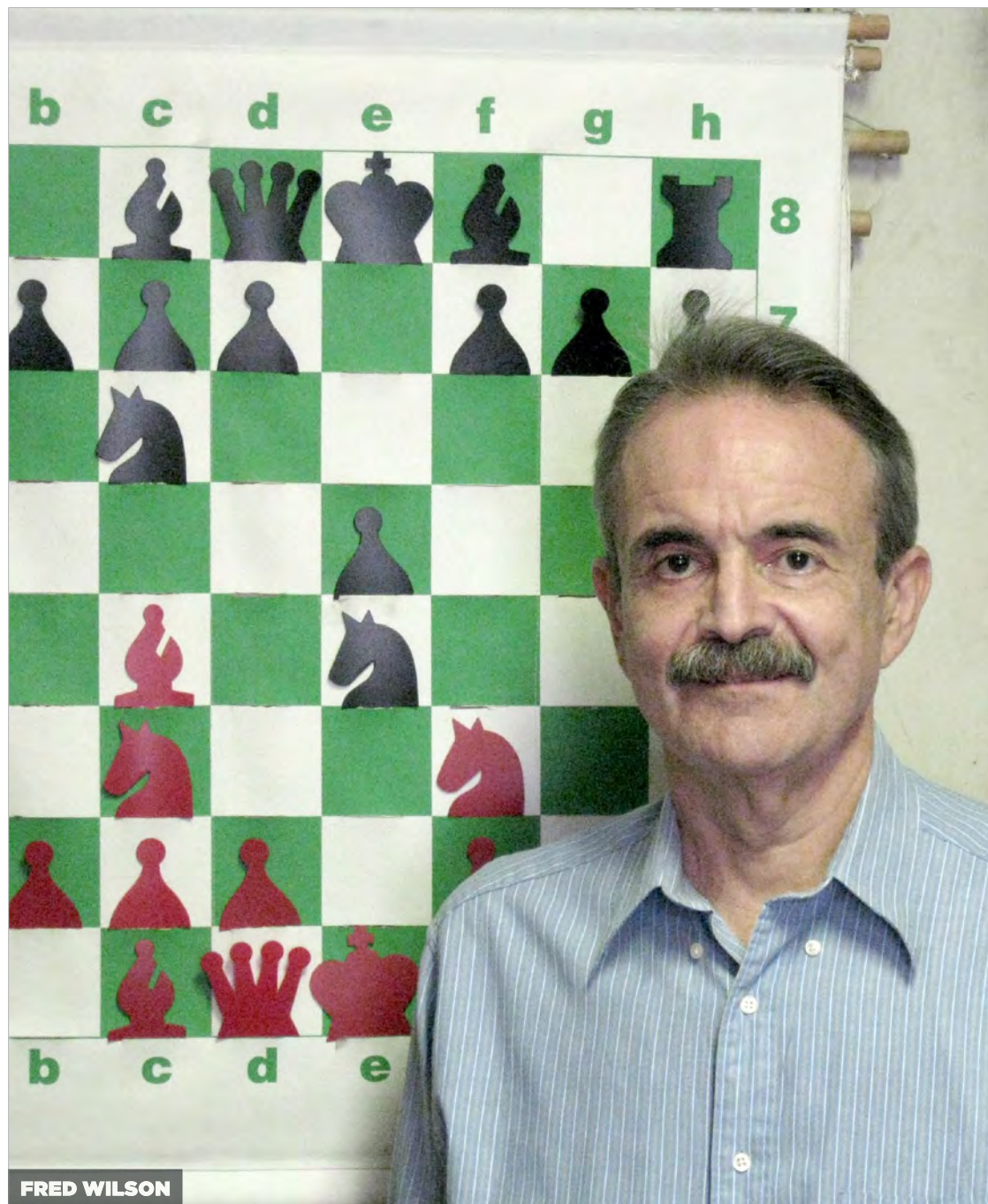
Dr. Mark Glickman (MA)

Dr. Mark Glickman's sustained national service has had a major positive impact on US Chess. He has chaired the Ratings Committee continuously since 1992, doing much to protect the statistical integrity and reliability of the system. The Awards Committee believes that Dr. Glickman's work has impacted virtually all aspects of US Chess member services: Maintaining a strong rating system benefits membership retention; the creation of class sections in tournaments; invitational events; titles; and championships. The rating system has been competently monitored and managed to maintain its statistical and predictive accuracy. Dr. Glickman's dedication and expertise (he is in the Harvard Department of Statistical Studies) have been of great value to US Chess.

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Fred Wilson (NY)

Fred Wilson has taught thousands of young players over the decades. He has edited and authored important chess publications, including very inexpensive books for novices, and has generously provided copies of these novice works to chess associations to help bring in new players. He has edited and authored historical works that have preserved and disseminated much lost chess history. His work in preserving rare chess books, and making these accessible to historians, has been of great value in new chess historical research.



Stephen Schneider (GA)

Stephen Schneider has worked in Georgia since 1974 teaching chess to thousands of kids, running chess camps, helping establish leagues, and producing childrens' chess literature. He has been active in creating coordination among a team of coaches, educators, and curriculum writers to develop and implement scholastic chess educational packages. He has worked in governance within the Georgia Chess Association (GCA) and is a past GCA President.

Richard Koepcke (NCA)

Richard Koepcke has held offices at the state level in northern California chess since the 1990s, having been a board member, secretary, and treasurer. He has served many years as a US Chess delegate and as a productive and active committee member. He is considered one of the premier tournament directors in the state of California.



DR. JEANNE SINQUEFIELD

MERITORIOUS SERVICES AWARD

Dr. Clyde Smith (SC)

Dr. Clyde Smith has made valuable contributions to scholastic chess in South Carolina over the decades, helping the South Carolina Chess Association (SCCA) progress from a non-existent scholastic program in the 1980s to the vibrant scholastic chess program they currently enjoy. In addition to maintaining a successful scholastic chess program at his own school (the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics), he has actively promoted the SCCA scholastic program in other schools around the state. He has continually provided important assistance in the organization and directing of the annual South Carolina Scholastic Championships and other scholastic tournaments within the state, doing much to help ensure that those events were positive and memorable experiences for the participants.

Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield (MO)

Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield has had a long history of supporting organizations that enhance music, art and education. She believes strongly that exposure to the arts and quality learning opportunities have life-long benefits for children. Her dedication to children is further evident in her more than 25-year support of the Boy Scouts of America. Currently, she is a board member for the Great Rivers Council and was instrumental in launching the Boy Scouts of America chess merit badge, which was introduced in 2011. The chess merit badge has quickly become one of the most popular badges in the Boy Scouts' catalog, with the Boy Scouts of America awarding more than 170,000 badges since it was introduced in September 2011. She previously earned the Gold Koltanowski Medal from US Chess in 2012 and 2013. Dr. Sinquefield feels that, "... chess players should become literate as early as possible."



SPECIAL SERVICES AWARD

Peter Dyson (FL)

Peter Dyson has organized the Space Coast Open for many years, a Florida tournament that has been of significance in that state. He holds offices in the Space Coast Chess Foundation, which maintains and organizes an active program in scholastic chess and other chess activities. Dyson says, "Be a good ambassador for the sport. Remember it is only a game and it costs you nothing to be nice to other players and to offer encouragement."

Sam and Miller Copeland (SC)

Sam and Miller Copeland have brought a strong scholastic chess program to South Carolina. Their Strategy Chess Program teaches chess to children, and both organizes scholastic chess events (including girls' tournaments), and supports the SCCA's scholastic chess program. Under their direction, the South Carolina Scholastic Championships reached a record total of 238 players, a remarkable achievement for a relatively small state.

Robert Simpson (NY)

Robert P. Simpson is a life member of US Chess and has been practicing intellectual property law since 1987. Simpson generously offered his legal services pro-bono to our organization, providing US Chess with a completely written legal opinion and advice on where we stand with respect to the copyright on the *US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess, Seventh Edition*. This allowed us to move forward with confidence that there were no potential legal hurdles facing us now or in the future. Simpson's chess advice? "My general advice is to ignore your rating, play for the love of the game, get involved, share your gifts with others and especially with children, win without boasting and lose without excuse."





TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Steve Immitt (NY)

Steve Immitt has been chief director of over 3,000 events. His work in that regard has been extremely valuable in membership recruitment and retention within US Chess. He is an international arbiter and international organizer. Immitt remembers, “[A] recent memorable experience includes watching players, who started playing in my tournaments as kids, becoming strong players and competing in prestigious events. This was especially memorable for me when I ran the 1998 U.S. Junior Invitational in New York City.”



ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERSON OF THE YEAR

Alex Relyea (NH)

Alex Relyea organized the U.S. Blind Championship in 2018. He is involved in further work and future plans to improve accessibility and inclusion in association with the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee.



CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“It’s been such a pleasure to see Philadelphia blossom as a chess city in recent years. One of my favorite Philadelphia events is Checkmate Violence, a day and night chess marathon organized by ASAP [After Schools Activities Partnerships], showing the power of chess to inspire young minds and harness youthful energy. Philadelphia is also home to some of the most important Open events on the calendar, such as the World Open, the Philadelphia Open, the Liberty Bell Open and the National Chess Congress, all organized by Continental Chess.” ~US Chess Women’s Program Director Jennifer Shahade



CHES COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley (UT - RGV)

UT - RGV successfully defended its President's Cup championship in 2019 and wins this award for the second year in a row.

CHES CLUB OF THE YEAR

The Charlotte Chess Center (NC)



The Charlotte Chess Center has provided and continues to provide important tournaments and maintains an active scholastic chess program.

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

Ethics Committee



good guidance to the Executive Board when some of these cases were appealed. The decision letters explained the committee's reasoning and approach which were especially useful in cases that relied on statistical and circumstantial analysis." ~US Chess President W. Allen Priest

"The Ethics Committee has tackled a very large case load that addressed some unusual and difficult issues. The committee incorporated new directions from the delegates for a scholastic ombudsman into their procedures and produced a series of decisions that were easy to follow and provided



GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

GM Hikaru Nakamura (NY)

GM Hikaru Nakamura won the 2019 U.S. Championship and participated in significant international competitive achievements.

GM Sam Shankland (NCA)

GM Sam Shankland won the 2018 U.S. Championship and participated in significant international competitive achievements.

FRANK J. MARSHALL AWARD

GM Melikset Khachiyani (CA)

GM Melikset Khachiyani has been coach or captain for U.S. womens' teams in a number of Olympiads and World Team competitions.



HONORARY CHESS MATE

Carolyn Weeramantry (NY)

Carolyn Weeramantry is awarded Honorary Chess Mate for her support of FM Sunil Weeramantry's career and that of GM Hikaru Nakamura's.

KOLTANOWSKI AWARDS: GOLD

The Saint Louis Chess Club (MO)

The Saint Louis Chess Club has been awarded this for their grant to the US Chess Womens' Program.

Two Sigma

Two Sigma has been awarded this for their continued sponsorship of US Chess' international youth teams.





KOLTANOWSKI AWARDS: SILVER

Dewain and Susan Barber (SCA)

Dewain and Susan Barber are awarded this for the new scholarships they have established for the U.S. Junior Closed, Girls' Closed, and Junior Cadet. Dewain says about the effect of chess in his life, "The people I have met in my life in chess have enriched my life many fold."

David and Maureen Grimaud (SC)

David and Maureen Grimaud are awarded this for their support of US Chess women's and senior events.

Richard and Barbara Schiffrin (PA)

Richard and Barbara Schiffrin are awarded this for their support of the Ruth Haring National Girls' Tournament of Champions.



ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

Jon Haskel (FL)

Jon Haskel is an international organizer and international arbiter. He has organized and continues to organize a significant number of important tournaments in both Florida and other states. He is also being awarded the "Scholastic Service Award (Individual)" this year. Jon's reason for organizing? "I found that I got a great feeling of satisfaction from organizing and directing chess events, both scholastic and otherwise."





2018 OLYMPIAD TEAM

OUTSTANDING TEAM PERFORMANCE AWARD

2018 Olympiad Team

The U.S. team is awarded this for their silver medal at the Olympiad.

2018 World Senior Team

The U.S. team is awarded this for their first place finish at the World Senior Team.



2018 WORLD SENIOR TEAM



SCHOLASTIC SERVICE AWARD: (INDIVIDUAL)

Russell Harwood (TX)

Russell Harwood has served on the College Chess committee since 2005 and was chair from 2010-2014. He has served on the Scholastic Chess committee since 2011 and was elected to the Scholastic Council four times and served as co-chair for the past year and a half. Harwood advises, “Don’t think that you can’t be an effective teacher of chess just because you may not be a highly-rated player.”

Jon Haskel (FL)

See the “Organizer of the Year” award.



OUTSTANDING PLAYER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

GM Alex Onischuk (TX)

GM Alex Onischuk broke the all-time record for most times representing the U.S. in Olympiads and World Team competitions with 13 appearances, a record he had previously shared with GMs Larry Christiansen and Yasser Seirawan.



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

David Hater (GA)

David Hater directs up to 50 tournaments a year, many with multiple sections, and remains active in major US Chess tournaments. His work with military chess competition over the years continues to be of great importance in that area. He is an international arbiter and national tournament director.



WOMAN CHESSPLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jennifer Yu (VA)

Jennifer Yu is the 2019 U.S. Womens' Champion, among her many chess achievements.

US CHESS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

US Chess sanctions over 50 individual and team national championship titles annually. All champions are listed here, with some highlighted with a photo.



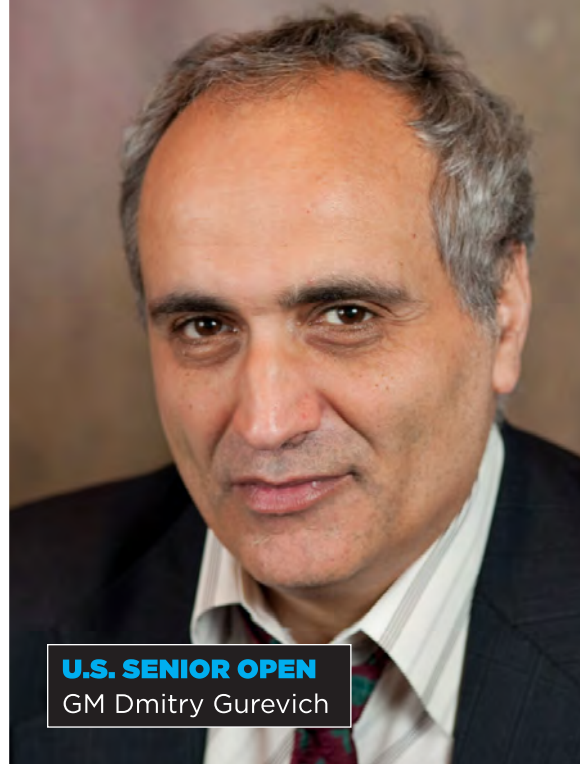
U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP
GM Hikaru Nakamura



U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
FM Jennifer Yu



U.S. OPEN
GM Timur Gareyev



U.S. SENIOR OPEN
GM Dmitry Gurevich



U.S. SENIOR INVITATIONAL
GM Alexander Shabalov



**U.S. NATIONAL
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SENIOR CHAMPIONS**
GM Alex Fishbein



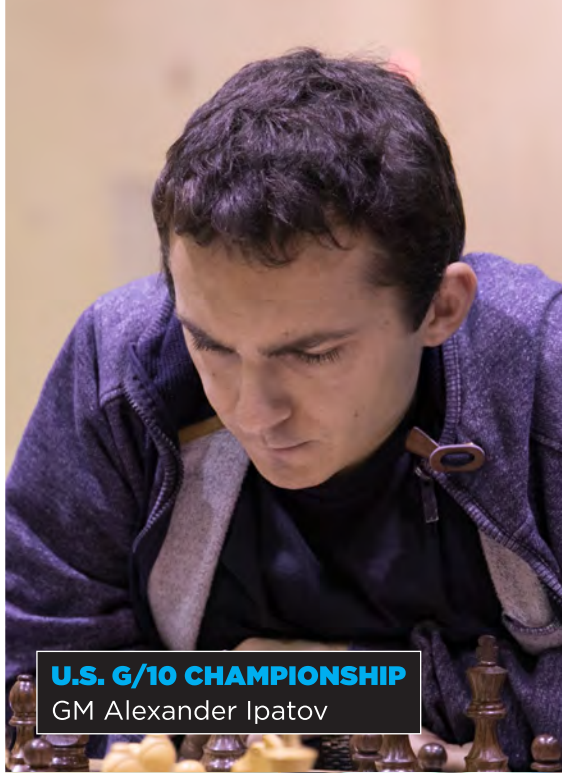
U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN
Megan Lee



**NATIONAL OPEN, G/30, G/60
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
GM Illia Nyzhnyk



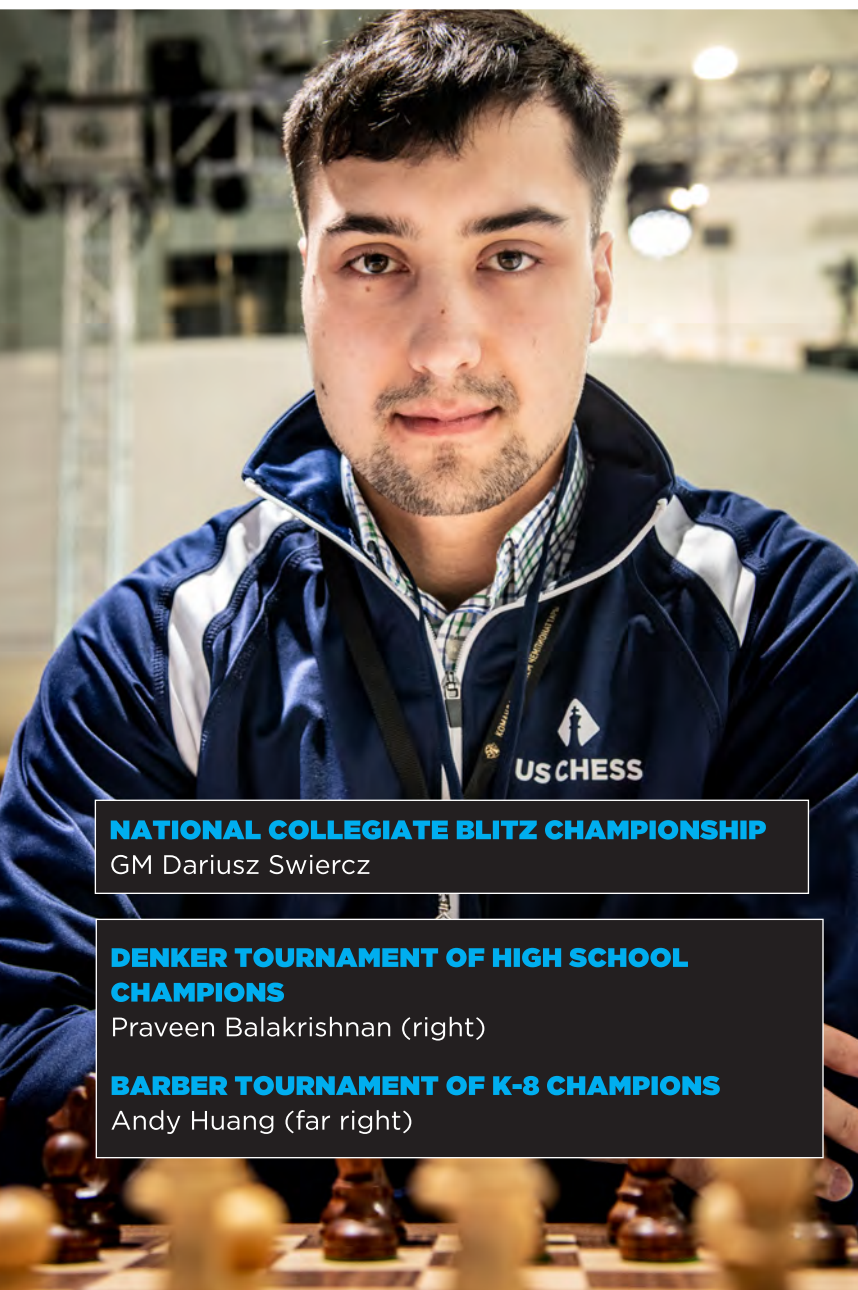
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP
GM Vladimir Belous



U.S. G/10 CHAMPIONSHIP
GM Alexander Ipatov



U.S. BLIND CHAMPIONSHIP
Jessica Lauser



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP
GM Dariusz Swiercz

DENKER TOURNAMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

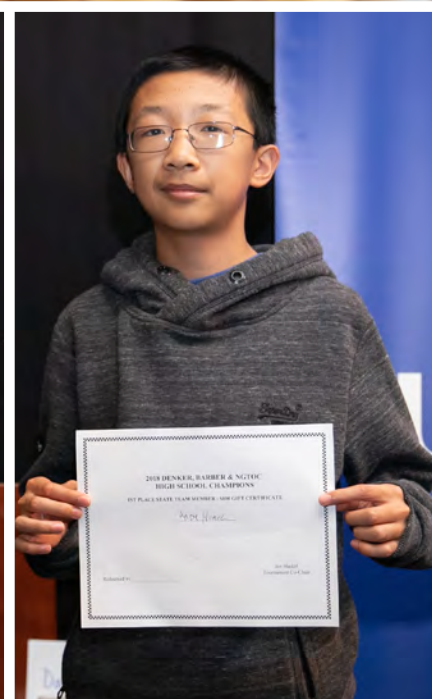
Praveen Balakrishnan (right)

BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 CHAMPIONS

Andy Huang (far right)

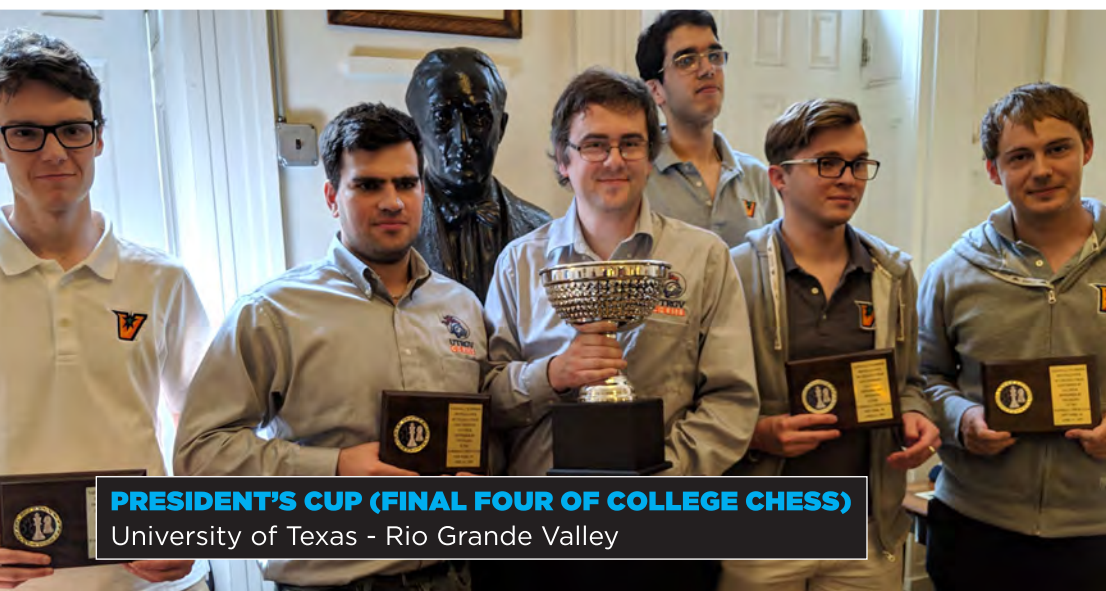


U.S. CADET CHAMPIONSHIP
IM Justin Wang





PAN-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE
Webster University



PRESIDENT'S CUP (FINAL FOUR OF COLLEGE CHESS)
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley



**NATIONAL GIRLS
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**
Veronika Zilajeva



U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
GM Awonder Liang



U.S. JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP
FM Carissa Yip

U.S. BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

Vladimir Belous, Andrey Stukopin,
Fidel Corrales Jimenez

U.S. G/15 CHAMPIONSHIP

Daniel Brashaw

U.S. MASTERS

John Burke, Jeffery Xiong, Evgeny Postny,
Djurabek Khamrakulov, Yuri Gonzalez Vidal,
Sergey Erenburg, Timur Gareyev,
Hovhannes Gabuzyan

U.S. CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Masters/Experts: Andrew Tang; **Class A:** Anish
Lodh; **Class B:** Andrew John Kozich; **Class C:**
Marcus Gardner; **Class D:** Michael Perry; **Class E:**
Randall A. Engelby; **Unrated:** Danny Rank

U.S. ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP

Dharim Cubero Bacus, Michael L. Adarlo,
Larry R. Larkins

U.S. JUNIOR OPEN

Under 21: Christopher Yu-Shuo Shen; **Under 15:**
Elton Cao; **Under 11:** Ruoxiao Xia; **Under 8:**
Christopher Cheng, Angela Hu

U.S. JUNIOR CHESS CONGRESS

18/16 & Under: Gabriel Sam; **14 & Under:** Destynn
Keuchel; **12 & Under:** Hersh Singh; **10 & Under:**
Brian Huang, Nitish Nath, Marcus Vasquez, Daniel
Shao; **8 & Under:** Shravan Sriram; **6 & Under:**
Zephyr Teng Wang

KCF ALL-GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Under 18: Alice Lee; **Under 16:** Aria Hoesley;
Under 14: Sophie Tien; **Under 12:** Iris Zhaoying Mou;
Under 10: Riya A. Kanury, Mary Elisabeth Tracy;
Under 8: Alexandra Phung;

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP

K-6: Vyom Vidyarthi, Abinav Rajiv Mundayat, Aghilan
Nachiappan, Adi Murgescu, Evan Park, James Y. Oh;
K-5: Cooper Ho; **K-3:** Omya Vidyarthi; **K-1:** Alexander
Braun, Kyle Yiwen Wang

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY (K-6) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

K-6: The Speyer Legacy School (NY); **K-5:** Joseph A.
Williams Elementary (FL); **K-3:** P.S. 77 – Lower Lab
School (NY); **K-1:** Hunter College Campus School (NY)

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP

K-9: Jason Metpally, Aydin Turgut, Maximillian Lu,
Daniel Hung; **K-8:** Shunkai Peng

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH (K-9) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

K-9: T. H. Rogers (TX); **K-8:** Canyon Vista Middle
School (TX)

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (K-12) CHAMPIONSHIP

Nicolas De T. Checa, David Tianjian Peng,
Matthew James Stevens

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (K-12) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Thomas Jefferson HS (VA)

NATIONAL K-12 GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

K: Nathan Walatka, Katherine Zhuge; **1st:** Maxwell Yang,
Vihaan Jammalamadaka; **2nd:** Imran Champsi, Rishabh
Chinni; **3rd:** Xan Meister; **4th:** Erick Zhao; **5th:** Jed Sloan;
6th: Jack Levine, Ronald Hernandez, Jason (Haohan)
Shen, Ziyang Qiu; **7th:** Gus Huston, Noah Henry
Thomforde-Toates, Weijie Li, Nathaniel Lande Shuman;
8th: Sumit Dhar, Raghav Venkat; **9th:** Andy Huang,
Wesley Wang; **10th:** Marcus M. Miyasaka, Justin Chen,
Hans Moke Niemann; **11th:** Nithin Kavi; **12th:** Sahil Sinha,
Nikhil Kalghatgi

NATIONAL K-12 GRADE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

K: Oak Hall (FL), Dalton (NY); **1st:** Hunter College
Campus School (NY); **2nd:** The Speyer Legacy School
(NY); **3rd:** The Speyer Legacy School (NY); **4th:**
Joseph A. Williams Elementary School (FL); **5th:**
The Speyer Legacy School (NY); **6th:** Hunter College
Campus School (NY), I.S. 318 (NY); **7th:** Dalton (NY);
8th: I.S. 318 (NY); **9th:** Thomas Jefferson HS (VA);
10th: Stuyvesant HS (NY); **11th:** Phillips Exeter Academy
(NH); **12th:** Whitney Young High School (IL)

SUSAN POLGAR NATIONAL INVITATIONAL FOR GIRLS

Mitzy Caballero

A close-up photograph of a hand moving a white chess piece on a wooden board. The hand is positioned over the piece, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other chess pieces and the board's texture.

US Chess Goals

- *Increase the use of chess in education*
- *Expand the social, recreational, and rehabilitative applications of chess*
- *Develop the depth and breadth of our partnerships*
- *Use chess to increase opportunities for under-represented segments of society*
- *Continuously improve internal operations and member services*

US Chess Values

- **Education.** *Chess is an educational tool aiding in the learning of planning, cause and effect relationships, pattern recognition, and research, all key skills for success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).*
- **Customer Service.** *We strive to be responsive, adaptive and proactive in providing services to our customers.*
- **Excellence.** *We recognize the value of excellence both in chess as an activity and the services we provide to our customers.*
- **Communication.** *We will continually inform and be responsive to our members and customers.*
- **Integrity.** *We respect and maintain good relationships with our customers and stakeholders as well as the game of chess itself.*
- **Accessibility.** *Chess can and should be enjoyed by individuals regardless of social or economic status or physical or developmental capability.*
- **Love of the Game.** *Chess is a historic and iconic game, and we celebrate its history, growth and evolution in our activities and services.*
- **Outreach.** *We work to extend the knowledge and appreciation of chess.*

